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A P P E A R A N C E S

Sara Katz,
Meeting Moderator

Aly Forsythe,
Sites Environmental Planning and Permitting
Manager

Vanessa King,
Bureau of Reclamation

Sarah Rossetto,
Q&A Monitor

Mike Hendrick,
Fisheries Biologist

1 provide that meaningful feedback, and we would like to
2 be able to do so. So, respectfully, especially with the
3 holidays and the other projects that are happening, as
4 well as the fact that there was a commission meeting
5 today, on the same day of this public comment period --
6 no rest for the wicked. We would just really appreciate
7 an extension of time.

8 Thank you so much, again, for holding this
9 public comment workshop and the opportunity to comment.
10 Thank you for your time.

11 SARA KATZ: Thanks -- thank you, Ashley.

12 I would like to remind the speakers that we
13 have a two-minute limit per individual, and then also to
14 spell your name, and if you are representing any
15 organization.

16 Our next speaker will be Grant.

17 Grant, if you could please unmute yourself.

18 GRANT PREHEIM: Hi. My name is Grant,
19 spelled, G-r-a-n-t, last name's, P-r-e-h-e-i-m.

20 I'm currently a California resident, and I'm
21 concerned about having safe drinking water for myself
22 and my kids one day. Mostly, I would like to thank
23 Isaac and our other speakers for standing up for
24 ourselves, our rights, and what we believe in.

25 I would like to say, think about what we are

1 doing here and continue forward with love in your heart.

2 Thank you.

3 SARA KATZ: Thank you so much, Grant.

4 Our next speaker is Max Steiner.

5 Max, if you could please unmute yourself.

6 MAX STEINER: Ah, a prompt. Thank you.

7 My name is Max Steiner. I'm the Democratic
8 candidate for Congress in District 1. I've talked to
9 thousands of people in this part of the State. I think
10 that most people are pretty set in whether they oppose
11 or do not oppose Sites. I have not heard anyone
12 complain about a lack of study of this 25-year project.
13 And I -- I hear the complaint about people asking for an
14 extension on -- on a time to comment. I do not think
15 that's necessary. I don't think anyone thinks that's
16 necessary on the left who lives here. Definitely, they
17 don't think so on the right.

18 Listen, I think Sites is a -- is a contentious
19 project, and I -- I -- you know, good job on engaging
20 with it and for hosting these calls. I think that's
21 excellent. I will just say that I'm a supporter of this
22 project. I think with increasing precipitation, falling
23 as rain, and not as snow, we need to increase surface
24 capacity. We have serious groundwater issues in the
25 north state. We have serious water issues in the north